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In re Patent Application of )  
Kent MALMGREN et al ) Group Art Unit: 1623  
Application No.: 09/101,341 ) Examiner: E. White  
Filed: July 8, 1998 )  
For: METHOD OF PRODUCING AN )  
ABSORBENT MATERIAL, AN )  
ABSORBENT MATERIAL AND )  
ABSORBENT ARTICLES )  
INCLUDING THE MATERIAL IN )  
QUESTION )



PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application  
as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

✓ Please cancel Claim 18 without prejudice or disclaimer.

✓ Please amend Claims 1 and 11 as follows:

1. ~~(Twice Amended)~~ A method of producing polysaccharide fibres, comprising the  
steps of dissolving a polysaccharide in a solvent, ~~thereby forming a solution~~, and spraying

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